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THE SESSION, 1973



THE SENIOR CHOIR, 1973

Fortieth Anniversary



HYDE PARK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-Ninth Street and Michigan Avenue

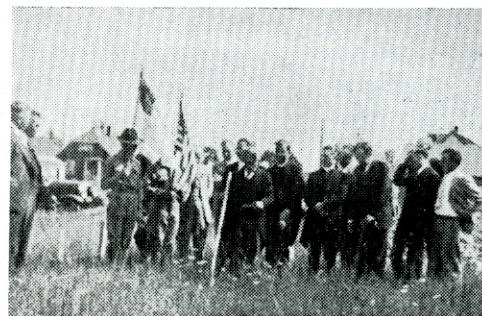
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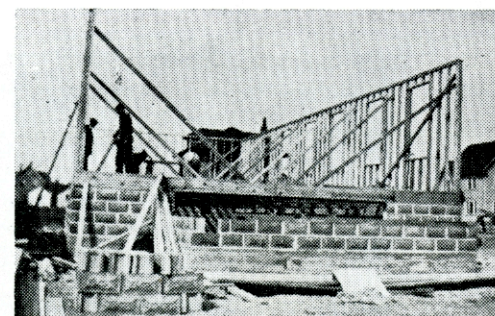
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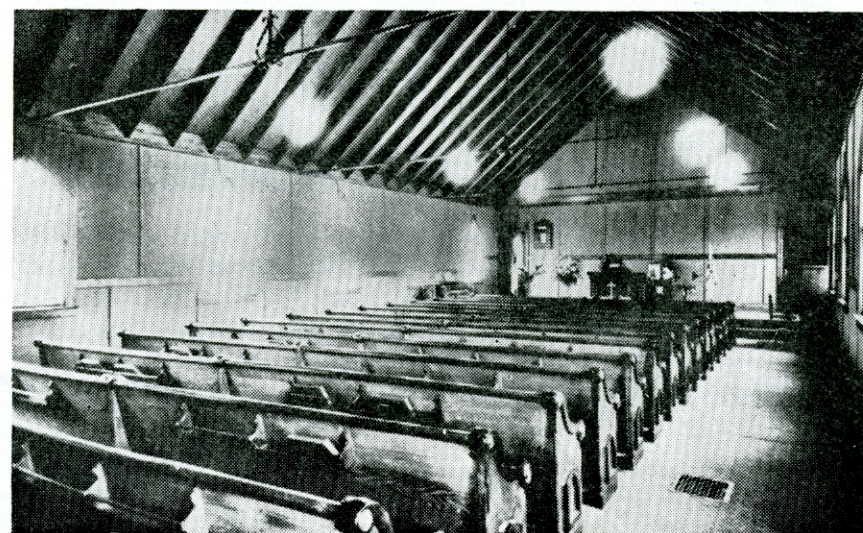
"Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house"
Psalm 26:8



Ground Breaking — 1934



First Church Structure



Original Sanctuary



Early Sunday School



Early Scout Troup No. 8



Rev. and Mrs. Howard B. Haines



House at 2818 Michigan Avenue



Miss Ida Lewis

HYDE PARK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - AFTER 40 YEARS

A Message from the Pastor

The early Thirties were tough - with unemployment, hunger, loss of homes, bank and business failures, political battling and grave misgivings about the future.

So why did Presbyterians on both sides of the border dedicate their thought and energy and sacrificial dollars to build a new congregation in a sparsely settled corner of Niagara Falls, New York?

Perhaps for many of the same reasons that members of this never-large congregation continued - in good times and bad - to gather in worship and learning and fellowship and hard work and financial sacrifice, and then to go out in Christian action, and eager concern for their neighbors, and Christian ministry as far away as Brazil.

Today, too, is an uncertain time. What will pollution and overpopulation and the energy crisis and scandals in Washington and persistent conflict in southeast Asia and sudden war in the middle east do to us and to our world? In Niagara Falls, will creaking industry make a comeback, and the demolished downtown come to new life? We do not know.

But we do know that God has a good purpose for his world, and for his people, and for each of us, and that Jesus Christ is relevant to every life and every situation. We know that this is a good time to love and trust God ... a good time to love our neighbor ... a good time to let Jesus live in us ... a good time to learn and tell others of His power to make us new.

It is a good time for a small congregation in Hyde Park to renew our dedication to our Lord and to our service for Him in our lives and through our church ... a good time to claim the wonder of His love and power and vision that is always dependable and ever new.

Howard B. Haines

October, 1973

HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

"When they arrived, they gathered the church together, and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith . . ." Acts 14:27

The Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church had its first beginnings during the late 1920's in the forward looking minds of the Session of the Stamford, Ontario, United Presbyterian Church of which Dr. S. Boyd Johnson was pastor. The session of that church requested Miss Mildred Kiemle to conduct a preliminary survey in Niagara Falls, New York, to determine the best site for the founding of a new Sunday School.

Caledonia Presbytery, convinced that the Hyde Park area promised a suitable location for a Sunday School, accepted the recommendations of the Stamford Church Session and appointed Miss Ida Lewis as Bible School Missionary in May of 1929. The mission was begun in a home at 2818 Michigan Avenue (now the manse) after the house and adjoining lots had been purchased by the Board of Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. A Sunday School, and later an evening service, were developed through the sacrificial labors of Miss Lewis in conjunction with the Stamford Church Session until December of 1930 when the work was transferred to the care of the Riverside United Presbyterian Church Session of Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Walter Bickerton was appointed Sunday School Missionary and served for two years beginning in January, 1931. Regular Sunday morning services began a month later. Despite the extreme difficulties of the depression

years, mission support from the churches in Stamford and elsewhere continued, though every penny had to count. Mr. Bickerton's able leadership led to an efficiently organized Sunday School and twenty members being received by the Riverside Church Session into the membership of this newly formed body.

Caledonia Presbytery, recognizing the need of the mission for a resident minister, appointed the Rev. George B. Hassey as stated supply. He began his work January 15, 1933. On the evening of March 29, 1933, the Hyde Park congregation was constituted and organized by a duly appointed commission from Caledonia Presbytery, and the first elders, trustees and congregational officers elected.

A steadily growing church membership and Sunday School resulted in the Session and Trustees meeting jointly to consider the construction of a larger and more adequate place of meeting. The needs of the congregation were presented to Caledonia Presbytery, and upon their recommendation, the Board of American Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America gave a grant of \$3,000 and permission to mortgage the property in the amount needed for expansion. This took place in July of 1933. However, due to local and national conditions, it did not seem possible to proceed immediately with building plans.

On November 2, 1933 a meeting was held for the purpose of incorporating the church under the name: The Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York. The incorporation proceeding culminated in January of 1934.

At a meeting of the building committee early in August of 1934, the general contract for the

new building was awarded to Mr. Hugh McConnell, a contractor and member of the church. Ground was broken for the church building on Sunday afternoon, August 12, and the cornerstone laid on October 7, 1934. The building costing, \$7,400, was dedicated on December 2nd of that year.

The Rev. A. Vance Meanor came to the Hyde Park Church as its pastor on October 23, 1938, following Mr. Hassey's resignation to accept a new field in Syracuse, New York. During the three years when Mr. Meanor was pastor, a strong Men's Organization was formed. Further advancement in the ministry to youth brought about the organization of a Cub Pack No. 8, a weekly religious education class for public school students, and the forming of a Church School Council. A significant mid-week Lenten series with guest speakers was held during these three years and the size of the Session was increased due to growth in church membership.

The Rev. Thomas Lamont began his pastorate at Hyde Park in January of 1942 after Mr. Meanor left at the beginning of that month to become a chaplain in the service of his country.

A most significant step in the history of Hyde Park Church took place in 1942 when the church became a self-supporting congregation. Until this time, all or part of the salary of the pastors had been paid by the Board of American Missions. The first church organ was purchased and dedicated on December 5, 1942. Soon it was decided to liquidate the mortgage on the church and this was accomplished after a successful campaign, with a mortgage burning service on March 19, 1944. Mr. Lamont, after four years of faithful service to this church, resigned in January of 1946 to accept a call to the United Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York.

The Rev. Charles Pryor was installed pastor on June 14, 1946, by Caledonia Presbytery. The

DEDICATION OF HYDE PARK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Niagara Falls, New York December 3, 1934

NEW FALLS CHURCH IS DEDICATED WITH FITTING CEREMONIES

Buffalo Pastor is Speaker at
Hyde Park United Pres-
byterian Church.

"Evangelism is the genius of Christianity and it is a Christian's duty not only to absorb what is given in church but to convey the truth of the Scriptures to those in his community who are in need," declared the Rev. Littleton E. H. Smith, pastor of the Riverside United Presbyterian church, Buffalo, who preached the dedication sermon at the new Hyde Park United Presbyterian church edifice yesterday morning.

He pointed out that the primacy of of Christ in a church is a necessary key to the successful operation of the church and that there is need for the individual to make sure of his fidelity to God and that in following Him all must have evangelist zeal.

The dedicatory service, which was presided over by the Rev. George B. Hassey, Jr., pastor of the church, was opened with a solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," sung by Miss Margaret Lloyd Williams. This was followed by an organ prelude played by Robert Bryant. Immediately preceding the formal service in the church auditorium, which was crowded to capacity for the occasion, a dedication service was held for the Sunday school.

The invocation was given by Dr. John Simpson, pastor of the North Park United Presbyterian church, Buffalo. Keys to the church, which was just completed last week, were presented to K. C. Nicholson, chairman of the board of trustees, by Hugh McConnell, builder.

The dedication proper was in the form of a response led by the Rev. Mr. Hassey in which the church was dedicated for and to "The glory of God, for worship in prayer and song, for the ministry of the Word, and for the strength and health in right living, for sanctification of family, for the guidance of childhood, for the salvation of man, aggression against evil, fostering of patriotism, brotherhood with all men, essential Christian unity, the building of character, the giving of hope and courage to all human hearts, the teaching of morality, temperance and justice and for missionary endeavor both at home and abroad."

The response was followed by a prayer by Dr. Thomas Atchison, this city, pastor emeritus of the First United Presbyterian church of Lawrence, Mass., and moderator of the 1930 general assembly of the United Presbyterian church, who was also boyhood pastor of Dr. Smith, the latter of whom was in turn, the boyhood pastor of the Rev. Mr. Hassey.

At the evening service Dr. Harry J. Rose, New Wilmington, Pa., superintendent of missions for the First Synod of the West for the United Presbyterian church, speaking on the subject "I Will Build My Church," declared that respect for the altar, the Bible, for God's House and for the sacraments must be uppermost in the minds of the Christians if they wish to build a strong church.

Special services will be held each night this week excepting Saturday, at 7:45, to mark the occasion. Tonight Dr. Atchison will speak at the United Presbyterian Fellowship night service; Tuesday there will be an inter-church fellowship night, with Rabbi Abba M. Fineberg, the Rev. Harold Clark, Baptist minister of North Tonawanda, and other church leaders present; on Wednesday there will be congregational fellowship night services; on Thursday, a pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," will be presented; Friday, the Rev. William R. Bobb, Cuylerville, superintendent of missions of the Caledonia Presbytery, will speak and Sunday morning the Rev. Mr. Hassey will preach.

Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church to Burn Mortgage Tomorrow

Toward the latter part of the 1920's, Dr. H. J. Rose, superintendent of missions of the First Synod of the West of the United Presbyterian church, received a letter from a member of a United Presbyterian church in the state of Iowa. In the letter this member stated that, while visiting Niagara Falls, N. Y., she had been unable to find a church of her denomination in that city. Dr. Rose, as synodical superintendent of mission, accepted the challenge of initiating a mission church in Niagara Falls provided that there could be found a locality with a real need for a church and where no established work by another church was being carried on.

After consulting with various ministers in Niagara Falls and surveys of several fields, the area near Hyde Park was settled upon as being a good field. A United Presbyterian church was located at Stamford, Ont., so this proposed mission endeavor was presented to the Session of the Stamford church for survey and canvass and with the responsibility for starting Sunday school work. Dr. S. Boyd Johnson, pastor of the Stamford, Ont., church, with Miss Mildred Kiemele, made the preliminary survey and established a Sunday school.

Miss Lewis Engaged

In May, 1929, Miss Ida Lewis was engaged as Sunday school worker. Under her leadership a regular Sunday school was organized; somewhat later a Children's Story Hour (Bible and missionary) was also organized. Under the guiding hand of Miss Lewis the work grew and strengthened. Regular meetings were held in the residence at 2818 Michigan avenue, site of the present manse. Miss Lewis left the field in December, 1930, but the work was then established. For Miss Lewis they had been years of sacrificial labor in the face of great hardships but they had also been years that were fruitful.

At this time the care of the new church was transferred from the Sessions of the Stamford church to the Session of the Riverside United Presbyterian church of Buffalo. The American Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian

church purchased the residence at 2818 Michigan avenue and also the three adjoining lots and presented this property to the young church, which was by this time ready to become an organized congregation.

In January, 1931, Walter Bickerton was appointed Bible school missionary and served the mission church from January, 1931, to January 8, 1933. Under Mr. Bickerton's leadership, the work continued to progress. Regular preaching services were conducted and the Bible school was fully organized. Twenty members were received into the fellowship of the church.

First Minister

The need for a resident minister became so evident that Caledonia Presbytery took action, appointing the Rev. George Hassey to the Hyde Park church. Mr. Hassey began his work as the first minister of the congregation January 15, 1933. About this time the first election of regular elders, trustees and congregational officers took place. On November 2, 1933, the new congregation met in regular session and proceedings were begun for the incorporation of the church. These proceedings culminated January, 1934. The new church was incorporated under the name "The Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York."

One of the first tasks the newly-incorporated church faced was the providing of a more adequate building to house its activities. The residence being used for such activities was too small to accommodate them. A building committee was authorized by the joint boards of the trustees and elders. The American Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian church presented the Hyde Park church with a liberal grant of money toward the cost of a new building and permission was given to place a mortgage on the church property that work might be started immediately.

Ground was broken for the new building on Sabbath afternoon, August 12, 1934, with fitting ceremonies; representative ministers and lay leaders representing the local government and organizations of the city were present. The cor-



nerstone was laid October 2, 1943. Dedication of the new building took place December 2, 1934. The building committee composed of the church officers—the Session (Colonel W. Ball, Clerk, John Douglass, Milton Grant and David Christie); the trustees (K. C. Nicholson, chairman, Bert H. Page, secretary, Irving VanAken, Daniel Lloyd, Henry Liebig and Joseph Winchester); Lloyd Dewey, acting as chairman—received the keys to the new building from Hugh McConnell, the builder.

The work continued to grow with new organizations being formed and new members being received into the congregation.

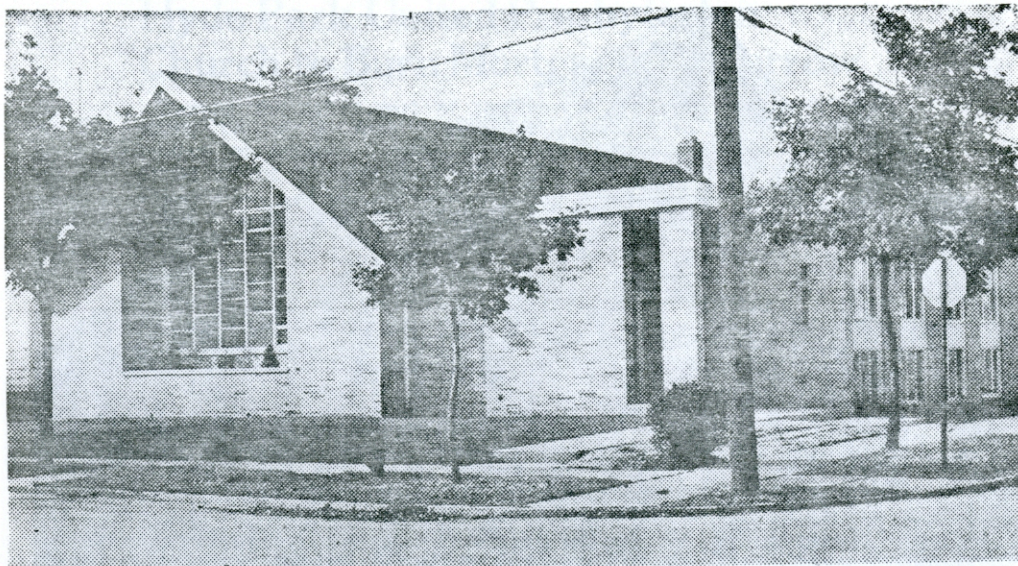
New Pastor in 1938

In the summer of 1938, the Rev. Mr. Hassey resigned as pastor to go to a new field in Syracuse, N. Y. The Rev. A. Vance Meanor was appointed to the pastorate of the Hyde Park church and began his ministry October 23 of that year. After serving the congregation faithfully and well for three years, Mr. Meanor answered the call of his country and entered the chaplaincy January 1, 1942.

The Rev. Thomas Lamont was appointed minister of the Hyde Park church, beginning his ministry in January, 1942. In July of that

year the congregation became self-supporting in all respects, independent of the American Board of Missions of the church at large; its membership then numbering 226. Later in the same year an organ was purchased and finally dedicated December 5, 1942. Having stepped into full stride as an independent and self-supporting congregation, interest in the work of the church increased in all directions and it soon became evident that the members of the congregation were ready to take steps toward releasing the church building of all indebtedness. A Mortgage Liquidation Fund, chaired by Freeman M. Otto, was promoted. A goal was set, oversubscribed and the original goal overpaid. The mortgage was bought and this most recent forward step of the congregation of the Hyde Park United Presbyterian church will be culminated in a mortgage-burning ceremony.

At special services tomorrow at the 11 a. m., worship hour, the mortgage will be burned. The special speaker at this service will be Dr. William F. Rotzler, of Pittsburgh, Penna. Dr. Rotzler is the associate secretary of the Board of American Missions of the United Presbyterian church.



TO BE DEDICATED — Services will be held tomorrow at the Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church to mark the

completion of extensive building and remodeling of the church.

Dedication Tomorrow At Hyde Park Church

Dr. James K. Leitch of Pittsburgh, Pa., will be the guest minister for the dedication services tomorrow in the Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church.

"The Church of Christ" will be the theme of the dedicatory address at the 11 a.m. worship service. Dr. Leitch is the associate secretary of the Board of American Missions of the United Presbyterian Church. He is the director of the urban church, church building, and building finance committees of the board.

The occasion of the service is the dedication of an extensive building and remodeling program of the church. Elwood F. Treadwell, local contractor, will present the keys in the ceremony to Cameron Brown, chairman of the church's building committee. The

litany of dedication and the dedication prayer, will be led by the Rev. G. Loren Jones, pastor.

An open house for the community and friends of the church will be held tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock as part of the dedication events. Ladies from the Women's Missionary Assn. will preside over the tea table during the afternoon.

The building committee, in addition to Mr. Brown as chairman, is composed of J. E. Beanblossom, George Cole, William Beck, Hugh McConnell, Mrs. Thornton Kew and Mrs. George DeRemer.

work at Hyde Park continued to grow and the need of larger facilities became more and more evident. It was during Mr. Pryor's pastorate that the church seriously started thinking about the need to expand the present church school and worship building. During this period the church was involved in a very active inter-church sports program. Mr. Pryor resigned in January of 1952 to accept a new pastorate in New Jersey.

For almost all of 1952, the church was very capably served by the Rev. Walter T. Newman as interim pastor.

The Rev. G. Loren Jones was installed as pastor in January of 1953. A redecoration of the church was accomplished by the members themselves, and rededication services were held in June, 1954.

At a congregational meeting in November of 1955, approval was given for a building committee to secure the services of an architect for presentation of preliminary drawings to the church. The new plans included an educational section which would provide for nine additional classrooms, a church office and study. Included in the plans was an enlarged sanctuary along with a complete renovation of the building.

The plans being approved by the congregation, ground was broken for the new building in October of 1956. The long awaited day finally arrived and on September 15, 1957 the congregation entered into the new church for the service of dedication. The new church building was not a breaking of tradition, but an assimilation of the years. The old building, which had served the congregation for many years, was not torn down but rather absorbed into the new. The dedication of the new building almost coincided with the merger of the United Presbyterian Church of North America

with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. to form the new United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Following a most successful ministry at Hyde Park, Mr. Jones accepted a call to Lewiston, Montana, in June of 1959.

The Rev. Robert E. Backstrom was installed as pastor on December 9, 1959, and served until May, 1964, when he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of East Aurora, New York.

The spirit of re-building continued, with the renovation of the chancel, the installation of a new Allen organ, stained glass windows, ten additional pews, a baptismal font and an exterior carillon. Many such additions were made possible through the establishment of a Living Memorial Fund.

A Board of Deacons was organized in January of 1962 to express the Church's ministry of compassion. Concern for Christian missions also increased rapidly, including a Personal Interest relationship to the ministry of Rev. Henry Jennings in Brazil. A Couples Club was formed and a church library established, and the church continued to grow and expand its influence.

On January 20, 1962, David J. McFarlane, who grew up in this congregation, was ordained and went onto serve Presbyterian churches in Pittsford, New York and Amherst, New York.

The Rev. Jesse M. Howat was installed as pastor on November 1, 1964. He was a counsellor and warm friend to many in the church and community, giving of his time and talents to make their life more useful and fruitful, as well as to deepen their faith. Through his many contributions to our Memorial Fund many worthwhile items were made possible for use in our

church, including the present electric mimeograph machine. He conducted a Weekday Church School, and took part in a vigorous Vacation Bible School.

During his pastorate - as before and since - the music program of the church was a vital part of its fellowship and worship.

Following his departure in August, 1969, the church was served by two competent interim pastors, The Rev. Alexander Mills for about a year, and then by the Rev. Robert Armstrong. It was a time when the congregation, with reduced membership and income, was trying to chart its way ahead.

The Rev. Howard B. Haines was installed in March of 1971. Under his guidance activity increased, the Boards developed their responsibilities, a new Junior Choir was formed, programs of adult education developed including Sunday morning adult classes and cooperative weekday classes jointly with other Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches. A special relationship developed with the Pierce Avenue United Presbyterian Church, including united summer services, combined musical events, a joint newsletter, and cooperative program planning.

In the summer of 1971 Mrs. Lizzie Tweedie retired as church secretary, having served for twenty-four years with five pastors and through four interim periods, and was honored at a church dinner on September 17th, 1971. More than any other one person she had helped to guide and strengthen the church through many changes.

For many years we have had a busy Vacation Bible School serving the entire community directed by Mrs. Bruce Andrew with many wonderful teachers and helpers in Bible teaching, music and crafts. In successive summers, the children have bought

a portable television and three new wheelchairs for the pediatric ward at Memorial Medical Center; three new wheelchairs for Mt St Mary's Hospital; and in 1973 gave over \$250 for the Migrant Workers of Niagara County to purchase equipment for their Day Care Center in Newfane.

The Women's Association has contributed very substantially both in program and finance and has aided mortgage reduction through their dinners and sales. They have been a real backbone of Hyde Park for whatever and whenever called upon.

During the past years many gifts have been given to the Church in memory of loved ones, the most recent being 175 new hymn books, provided from Memorial gifts and contributions from members and friends. Donations in memory of loved ones have also been given to the Memorial Building Fund.

Very faithful and generous contributions have been made to our Mortgage (Building) Fund during the last 18 years, and this will be paid off - ahead of schedule - in the very near future. We feel this is a wonderful achievement. God has been with us and guided us in our endeavors to serve, not only our members, but also all our neighbors in the Hyde Park area. We have provided accommodations to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cubs, Parents Without Partners, Recovery, the Rocks and Minerals Club, our Vacation Bible School and other worthwhile groups.

The Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church has a history marked by all of the joys and pains involved in church growth. The Church looks forward, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to a continued ministry of Jesus Christ in this community and through missions to all communities.

Early Church Membership Roll

Earliest accurate roll available — December 2, 1934

Alberts, Mrs. Verna	Faulring, Mr. Howard	Nicholson, Lois Greer
Andrews, Mr. John	Franke, Mrs. William	Page, Mr. Bert H.
Austin, Alfred	French, David	Page, Mrs. Bert H.
Austin, James		Page, Gordon
	Galloway, Mrs. K.	Peck, Joseph
Ball, Mr. Colonel W.	Glasgow, Mrs. Margaret	Peck, Agnes
Ball, Mrs. Colonel W.	Grant, Mr. Milton	
Ball, Minnie	Grant, Mrs. Milton	Rcece, George John
Beck, Mrs. William	Grundy, Mr. Arthur	Rhodes, Mr. George
Brillhart, Miss Elsie	Grundy, Mrs. Arthur	Ripple, Mr. Joseph
Brillhart George	Grundy, Kenneth G.	Ripple, Mrs. Joseph
Bryant, Mr. Robert	Guinther, Richard	Rogers, Mrs. H.
Bryant, Mrs. Robert		Rogers, Herbert
Bryant, John	Hagar, Gladys	
Burtch, Mr. George	Hamscher, Mrs. Fred	Shuman, Mrs. Charles
Burtch, Mrs. Gertrude	Harris, Mr. George	Smith, George
Burtch, Walter	Harris, Mrs. George	Sparling, Margaret
	Harris, Mary Jane	
	Harris, Mabel	Valentine, Ralph Evan
Calkins, Mr.		VanAken, Mr. Irving
Calkins, Mrs.		VanAken, Mrs. Irving
Christie, Mr. David	Kauffmann, Edward	
Christie, Mrs. David		Walke, Earenest
Coyle, Mr. John	Liebig, Mr. Henry J.	Warren, Lena
Coyle, Mrs. John	Lewis, William	Watson, Mr. Angus
Crossett, Mr. Desmond	Lewis, Mrs. J.	Watson, Mrs. Angus
Crossett, Mrs. Desmond	Lloyd, Mr. Daniel	Webber, Fred
	Lloyd, Mrs. Daniel	Williams, Mr. Leonard
Dahlstrom, Mr. Eric		Williams, Mrs. Leonard
Dahlstrom, Mrs. Eric	Marshall, Mrs. Nelson E.	Winchester, Mr. J.
Davey, Olive	McConnell, Mr. Hugh	Winchester, Mrs. J.
Davis, Mrs. Marion	McConnell, Mrs. Hugh	Winchester, Douglas
Davis, J. W. Stanley, Jr.	Milner, Mrs. John	Winchester, Betty
Davis, G. LaVerne	Milner, Miss Vera	Wittkopp, Mr. Carl
Dewey, Mr. Lloyd	Miller, Mr. Harold	Wittkopp, Mrs. Carl
Dewey, Mrs. Lloyd	Miller, Francis	
DeCost, Mr. Jesse	Middaugh, Mrs. Leonard	
DeCost Mrs. Jesse		
Douglas, Mr. John	Nicholson, Mr. Kenneth	Young, Mr. Bert
Douglas, Mrs. John	Nicholson, Mrs. Kenneth	Young, Mrs. Bert

VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP (from the Presbyterian Book of
Common Worship)

Do you confess your faith in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, and do you promise with the aid of the Holy Spirit to be Christ's faithful disciple to your life's end?

Do you promise to make diligent use of the means of grace, to share faithfully in the worship and service of the Church, to give of your substance as the Lord may prosper you, and to give your whole heart to the service of Christ and His kingdom throughout the world?

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Friday, November 2nd at Epiphany Episcopal Ch, Main St at Lockport St, Church Women United will celebrate World Community Day at 9:30 am. Speaker will be Mrs John Urban who will speak to the theme of the day, "Where in the World Is My Neighbor?" Discussion groups will be led by Grace Haines, Janice Craig and Mrs Urban. The meeting will adjourn about noon.

The flowers this morning are furnished by the Howat family who send along regrets that they cannot be with us during the Anniversary Celebration. They also send their love and best wishes with fond thoughts of their ministry in this church.

The Craft Groups will meet on Tuesday, Oct 30th, from 1 until 3. Open to all in the community, bring your friends and neighbors.

The Senior Choir will meet this Thursday at 7:30 and the Junior Choir will meet on Saturday at 10 am.

Be on the lookout for the church newsletter which will bring you this week more news of your church.

The Women's Association Luncheon and Gift Sale will be held on Thursday, Nov 15th. Tell your friends about it and help to make it a success. Help is needed the day before as well as the day of the Luncheon. If you are willing to help, contact Deanna Babyak or Mildred DeRemer. Items are needed to sell - baked goods or homemade craft items! The Rummage Sale is coming Nov 29



Anniversary Service



Douglas C. Runyan
HEAR - AND SHARE - GOOD NEWS

CELEBRATING OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY *32*

The Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church *40*
Niagara Falls, New York. Howard B. Haines, Pastor *48*
Sunday, October 28, 1973 - 10:00 a m *35*

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ORGAN PRELUDE "Built On A Rock" Southbridge

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
No 40

*THE INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*THE APOSTLES CREED (page 492)

*THE GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM "Remember Now Thy Creator"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS (see back page)

OUR WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Personal Silent Prayer

The People

Pastoral Prayer

The Pastor

Choral Response

The Choir

*HYMN "Lord God, Our Thanks to Thee We Raise"
(Tune 142) No 180

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:17-24
ANTHEM "Just A Closer Walk with Thee"
Charles Cowart, soloist

SERMON "LIFE'S TELESCOPIC LENS"
The Rev. Walter T. Newman

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Organ Offertory "A Mighty Fortress is
Our God" Martin Luther 1529

*The Doxology

*The Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN "Lead On O King Eternal" No 407

*THE BENEDICTION and CHORAL AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Our Glorious Heritage" Hughes

*The Congregation standing

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USHERS TODAY: Leonard Clingersmith
Mancer Gleason

OUR FORTIETH BIRTHDAY

Today

10:00 In the pulpit: Rev Walter T. Newman, our
interim pastor, 1952

In the bulletin: Newspaper accounts of
three major steps in our history

At the back of the church: Mrs Nelle
Condit, offering your last chance for
tickets for Friday's Anniversary Dinner
Following the service:

Refreshment and fellowship break

11:15 Questions and discussion with Mr and Mrs
Newman

Also, Sunday School Classes

5:30 Shared supper with some fifty members of
the Stamford Presbyterian Church; fellow-
ship, acquaintance, singing

7:00 Celebration "In the Beginning" led by
Rev Peter Darch and some of his people.
Greetings from Mrs Mildred Kiemele Muro
in Mexico. Distribution of the new
pictorial history of our congregation.

Friday Anniversary Dinner at 6:15 pm Rev David J
McFarlane will speak on "The Church in
the Way". Other special guests. "Burn-
ing" of the mortgage.

Saturday Anniversary Tea, 2-4 pm at the manse;
Special guests, including Rev and Mrs
A Vance Meanor, Mr and Mrs Gordon Eddy.

Next Sunday Final Anniversary service, 10 am, led
by Rev A Vance Meanor and Rev Thomas
Lamont, followed by refreshments and
discussion.

A new Church Guest Book, secured by the Deacons,
is in use today for the first time.

Will you welcome one or two foreign students to
spend Christmas week with you? Today is the last
opportunity to sign up. Speak to Mr or Mrs Haines.

"Upper Room" readings in the new booklet begin
this Thursday. Do you have your copy? They are
available in the Vestibule along with new copies
of the Decision magazine.